

Regarding the National Association of Broadcasters petition 04-160, I would like to respectfully recommend this petition's rejection. I have had XM satellite radio almost since its introduction, and the "instant traffic and weather" is a significant improvement to the services for which I pay \$10 per month. But, I think it is self-evident that the NAB is not really concerned about the robotic and impersonal traffic and weather reports. This is an obvious shot at a new technology that threatens to take even more business from "regular" radio stations if more and more local content is made available. If XM were a free service, I would not have such a problem with this, but this is like cable TV, or pay per view TV, so why does the NAB not go after the Weather Channel for the same reasons? Considering the significant expense of satellite radio (despite the commercials out there that may lead one to believe that the service can be up and working for less than \$200, I paid over \$700 when all was said and done), I really do not see anyone buying this product just for the local traffic and weather. This service is just a perk for those of us who already have the service, and the NAB is just out to shoot down the competition.